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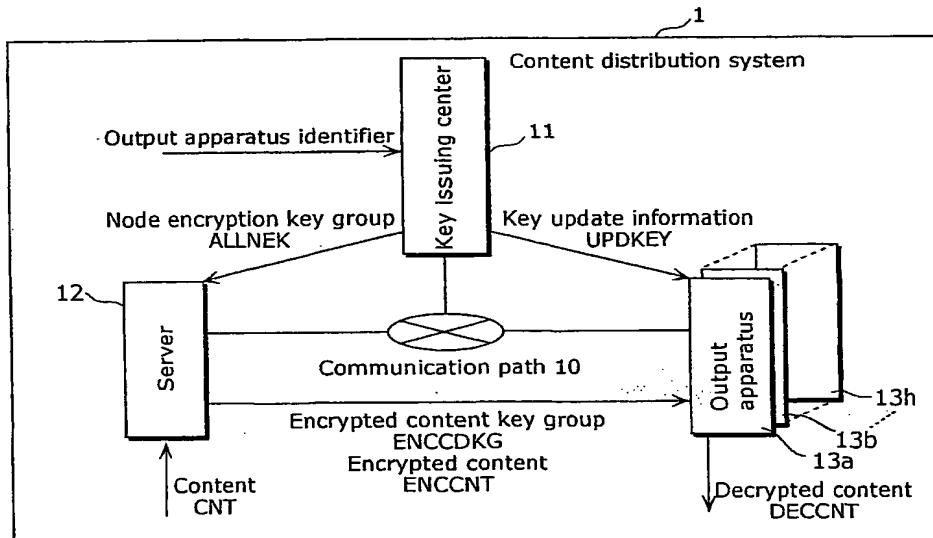
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(57) Abstract: The present invention is a content distribution system for distributing contents. The content distribution system (1) includes a key issuing center (11), a server (12), eight output apparatuses (13a) to (13h), and a communication path (10) that connects them to each other. Here, a pair of the key issuing center (11) and each of the output apparatuses (13a) to (13h) is previously given an individual key shared between them. For example, the key issuing center (11) shares an individual key IK<sub>a</sub> with the output apparatus (13a), an individual key IK<sub>b</sub> with the output apparatus (13b), and an individual key IK<sub>h</sub> with the output apparatus (13h).